

A STROLL THROUGH

**MARRAKECH
MEDINA**

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There are certain places on the surface of the earth that possess more magic than others. And one of those places is Marrakech.

Paul Bowles, American writer who lived in Morocco for fifty-two years.

When I first visited Marrakech in 2003, I arrived on the overnight train from Tangiers – the Marrakech Express, about as far from the romantic image of the song by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young as you could possibly get.

I stayed at a friend's riad in Marrakech Medina for a week, but it was almost a decade before I returned to the Red City. Since then I've been back many times, and each time I add a few hundred images of this fascinating city. Some of the images in this photobook are from that first visit, others taken over the years, but, as the French saying goes, '*plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*' – the more things change, the more they stay the same.

There are links to stories that accompany these images at the back of the book. You will also find links to the rest of the *Eye On...* series, my website *Better Late Than Never*, with articles from far and wide, and *The Travelling Life For Me*, personal stories from twenty years as a travel writer.

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Koutoubia Mosque

The 77 metre minaret of the Koutoubia Mosque, completed at the tail end of the 12th Century is the highest point in Marrakech, and will ever be so. The symbol of the city, it sits adjacent to Jmaa el Fna, the ancient beating heart of Marrakech, creating a landmark and main entrance to the Medina, the centuries-old huddled alleyways of the Red City.

To begin....



Takin' it to the streets...

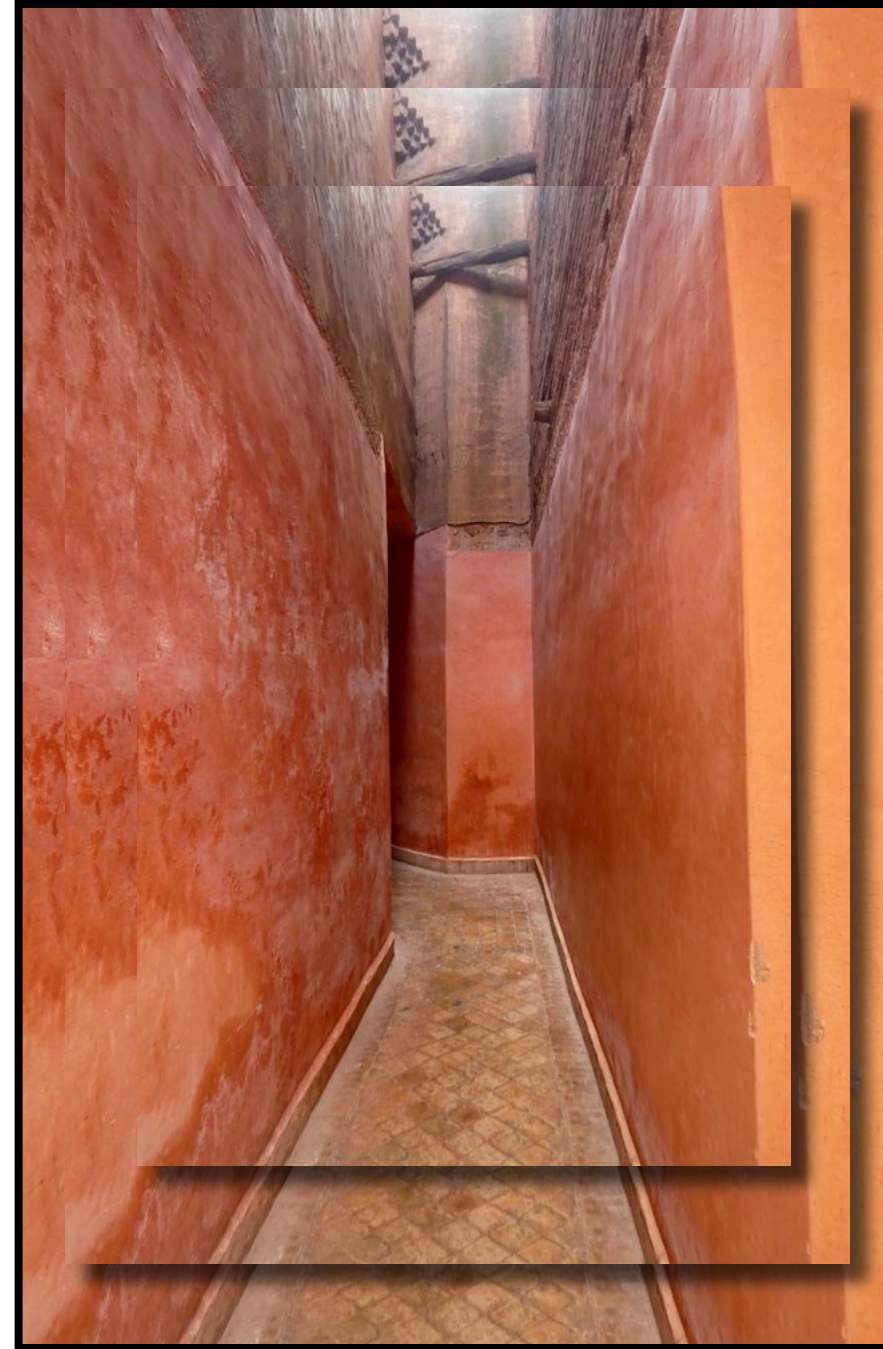
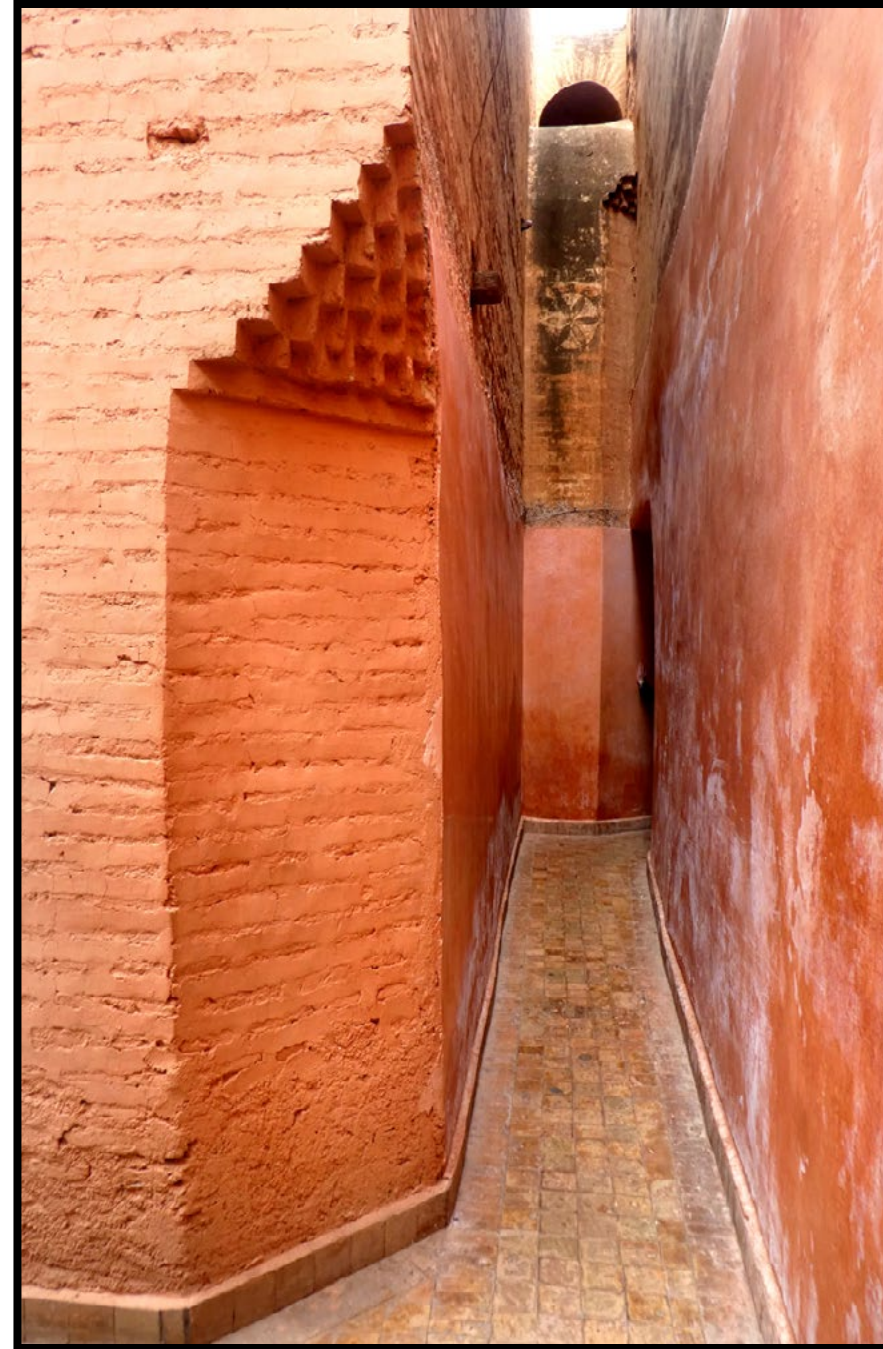


Wander deep into the Medina, away from the well-worn tracks of centuries of tourists, and you find quieter, more peaceful *quartiers*



Or perhaps not!



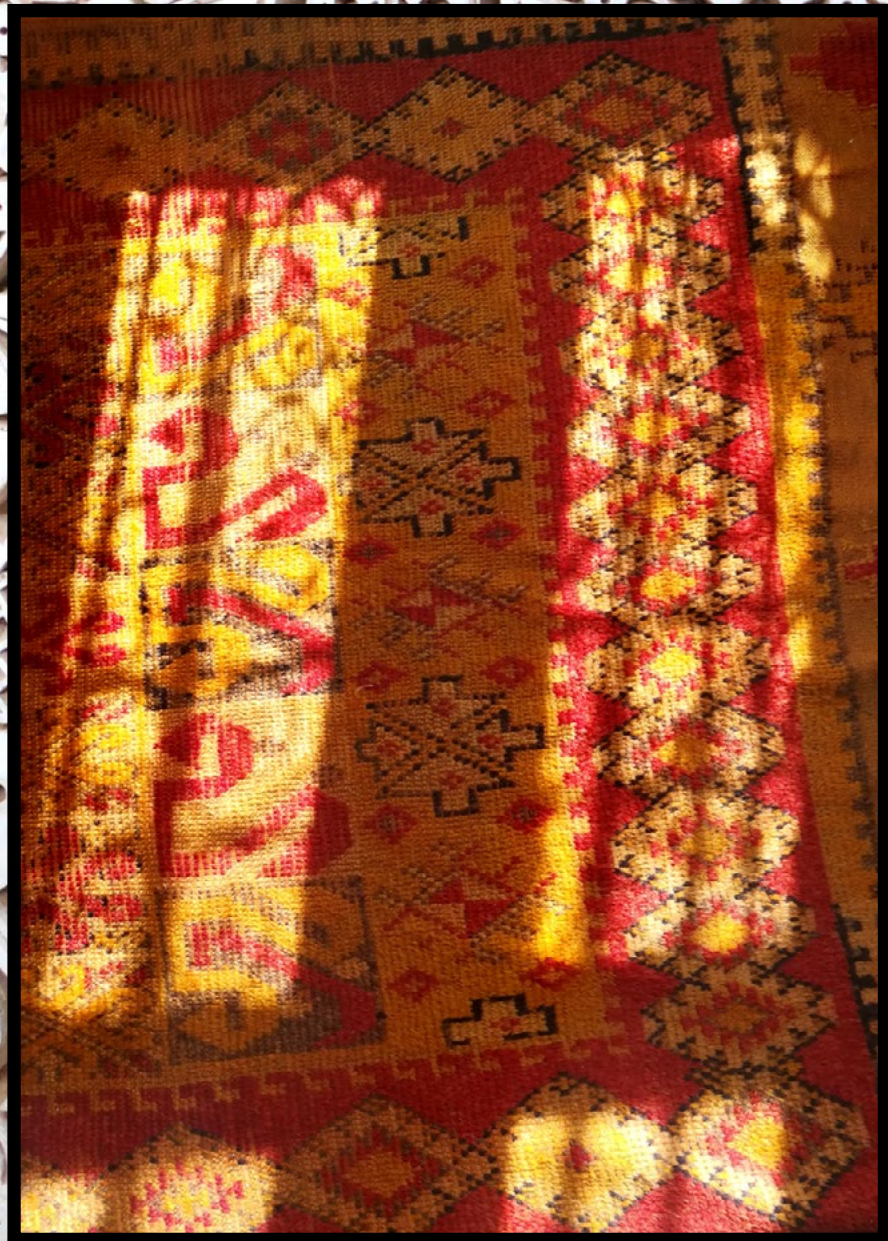
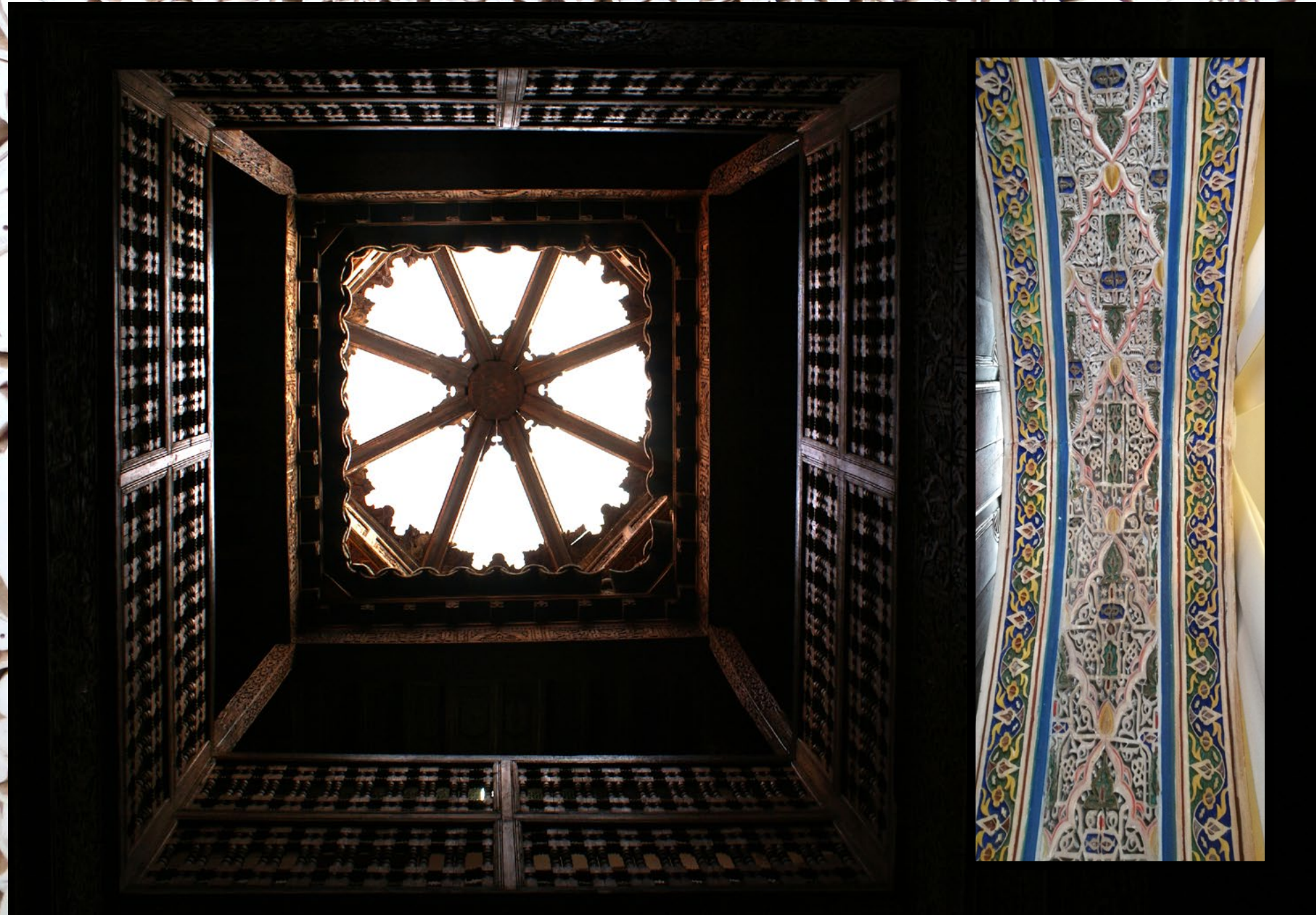






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Colour, mystique and beautiful chaos that the Medina undoubtedly is, it's the people that give life to its busy streets...









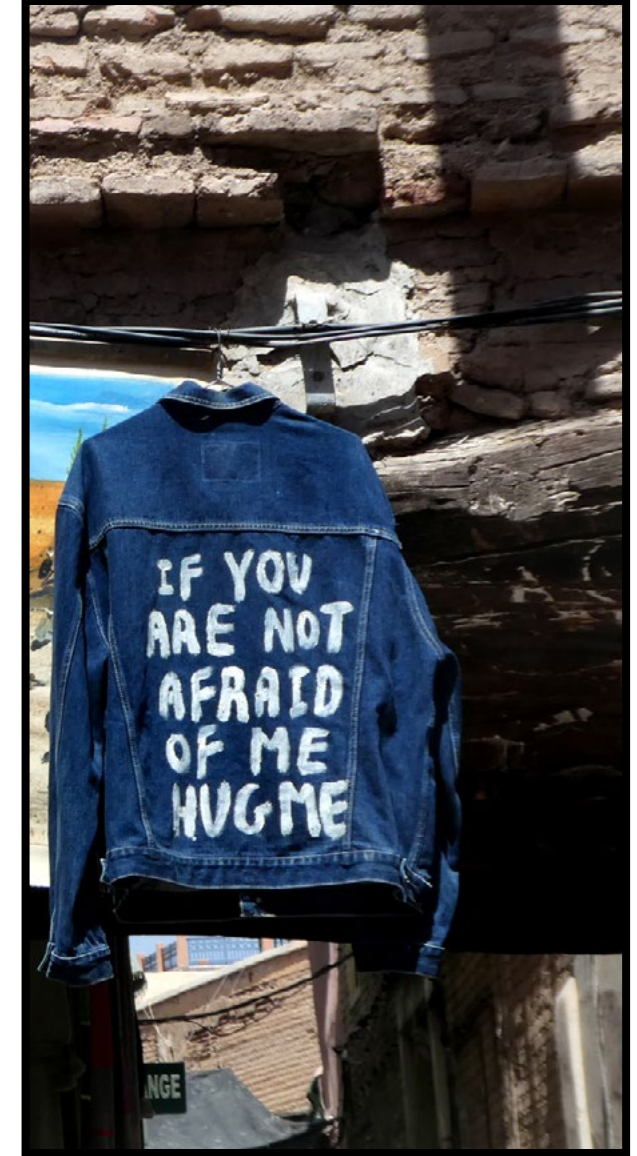
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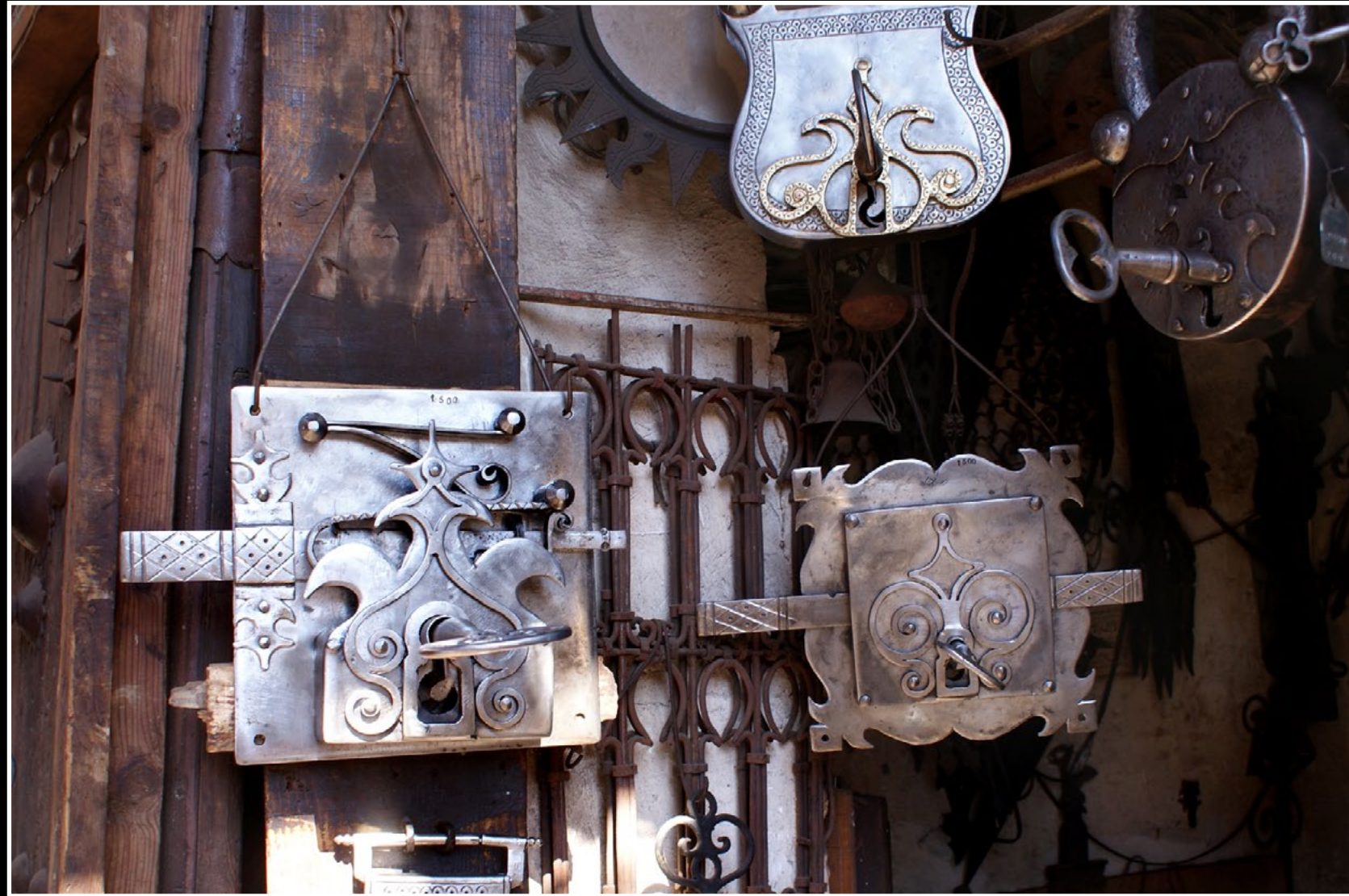
















Jmaa El Fna
The restaurant at the
end of the World











Get to know the Medina

Jemaa el Fna, The Restaurant at the end of the world

By night the curling smoke of a hundred barbeques spirals over the largest open-air restaurant in the world.

The Beautiful chaos of Marrakech

Nothing prepares you for Marrakech; the sights, the sounds the souks and the smells.

A Stroll Around the Medina

Drift out to the periphery of Marrakech Medina and you come to what are basically workers' suburbs, but not suburbs as we might know them.

The Last Football Maker in Morocco

In a tiny shop in Marrakech Medina Kamal Boukentar spends his days hand-sewing footballs.

The subtle art of buying a carpet

Every carpet tells a story, quite literally, although you may not be able to decipher its meaning.

24 Hours in Marrakech

Nothing prepares you for the reality of the vibrant and exotic Red City.

A Life Interconnected

Life in Marrakech Medina centres around a finely woven tapestry of personal connections.

Thursday's Child, Bab el Khemis

The Thursday market at Bab el Khemis has been described as one of world's greatest mixes of junk and treasures.

Can You Keep A Secret?

The secret of the Secret Garden is that there are two of them.

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